Geology Library Planning and Implementation Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2009


The meeting began with a brief overview of the number of maps (estimated at about 55,000) and volumes (currently about 70,000, down from a high of near 100,000 3-4 years ago) currently in the Geology Library.

We discussed the draft document, “Geology Library Reconfiguration Criteria” prepared by Lura. There was agreement about the three statements made at the beginning of the document: 1) duplicates go to Oak Street, 2) older editions go to Oak Street, 3) journals available online go to Oak Street. Further discussions led us to decide to run some spreadsheets and create a few scenarios concerning inclusion of different categories of book/journal that could be considered for relocation at Oak Street (with possible cost projections) in order to make decisions. Tina will run a spreadsheet on monographs not used in the past five years, identifying those that have been used and seeking to better identify a threshold criteria for use in relocation decisions. This should include those monograph continuation series that are cataloged separately. The group will review this spreadsheet and decide if this criterion works for the collection, and where that would leave the collection in terms of remaining volumes. Other scenarios will include pulling out all USGS titles to send to Oak Street due to online availability (if documented), low use series, and those series that are pre-copyright and therefore might be available (or soon will be) via Google Books. In terms of defining what a “low use” series was, we hope the spreadsheet will show us the cutoff point.

Lura has recently talked with USGS personnel who are moving that collection more online and using PDF again, which is a more standard access format. The group discussed the status of ISGS materials online. We will invite Anne Huber, the librarian of those materials, to a future meeting to discuss online access, etc.

Bill provided a few comments concerning the College of Engineering and any possible merger or relocation with Grainger Engineering Library. The College is still working on their Memorandum of Agreement but should have something for the Library to review within two weeks. Bill reported that the College may have more restrictions on the space than previously thought, but we will know more after the MOA is drafted and shared. At some point the team may wish to invite Mike Bragg, COE Executive Associate Dean, to come to a meeting.

The group also discussed the possibility of meeting with Geology faculty at an upcoming faculty meeting. Lura will find out when their next meeting is scheduled.

Our next meeting is October 28, 8:45 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. in Grainger Library, Room 335.